



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:** The Division of Employment and Assistance Programs is amending WAC 388-492-0040, Can I choose whether I get WASHCAP food benefits or Basic Food Benefits, to revise when a person can choose to have Basic Food benefits instead of Washington Combined Application Program (WASHCAP) food benefits.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

RCW 74.04.050; 74.04.055; 74.04.057; 74.04.510; 74.08.090

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

Changes proposed to this rule will be to revise the criteria by which an individual can elect to opt-out of WASHCAP and choose to receive benefits under the Washington Basic Food Program. Proposed changes will be consistent with the WASHCAP state plan approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

None.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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